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SUBJECT: KY CANDIDACY

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B. STATE 153911

1. AT LARGE PRESS CONFERENCE SUNDAY MORNING AUGST 22 VICE PRESIDENT KY STATED HE WOULD NOT ANNOUNCE HIS DECISION ON HIS CANDIDACY FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION FOR 24 OR 48 HOURS

2. IN RESTRAINED REPLIES TO PRESS QUESTIONS, KY, SHOWING FATIGUE OF ALL-NIGHT ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS, SAID AMBASSADOR BUNKER HAD ADVISED HIM TO RUN BUT THAT MINH HAS OFFERED HIM NO ADVICE. HE REPEATED CHARGES OF ELECTION FRAUD, AND EXPLAINED HE NEEDED MORE TIME TO CONSULT POLITICAL LEADERS BEFORE REACHING A DECION.

3. WE PROPOSE TO MAKE NO FURTHER PUBLIC STATEMENT FOR TIME BEING.

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4. FURTHER DETAILS AND COMMENT FOLLOW SEPTEL.
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